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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Reserve Forces Policy Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Forces Policy Board, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) will take place.

**DATES:** Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 8:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address is the Pentagon, Room 3E863, Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Alex Sabol, Designated Federal Officer, (703) 681-0577 (Voice), (703) 681-0002 (Facsimile), Email - [Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil](mailto:Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil). Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Website: <http://rfpb.defense.gov/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the RFPB's website.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This meeting notice is being published under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR § 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

**Agenda:** The RFPB will hold a meeting from 8:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The portion of the meeting from 8:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will be closed to the public and will consist of remarks to the RFPB from invited speakers that include the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Acting Secretary of the U.S. Army, the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) Corporation, the Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and the Chief of Naval Personnel. The Deputy Secretary of Defense will address key national security challenges facing our Nation and priorities for adapting the force. The Acting Secretary of the U.S. Army will discuss Army posture, views on the Report of the National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA), and plans to adapt the Total Army to meet future challenges. IDA will brief the findings of their study on the Reserve Component effectiveness during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will discuss readiness of the force to address threats to U.S. national interests, views on the NCFA Report, and progress in and challenges with implementing Force of the Future initiatives. The Chief of Naval Personnel will discuss Navy recruiting and retention, fleet personnel readiness, and plans and initiatives to adapt the Navy personnel system to meet future challenges. The portion of the meeting from 1:40 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be open to the public and will consist of briefings from representatives of the former NCFA, the RFPB subcommittee chairs, and will conclude with the Chair's discussion on several proposals. Representatives of the former NCFA, will provide their personal observations and opinions on the NCFA's work and its Final Report. The RFPB subcommittee chairs will provide updates on the work of their respective subcommittee. The Supporting & Sustaining Reserve Component Personnel will discuss views on the Department's and Service's personnel system reforms being considered under the Force of the Future initiative and its effects on the Reserve Components. The Ensuring a Ready, Capable, Available and Sustainable Operational Reserve Subcommittee will present its findings on the assumptions,

current authorizations and policies, and mobilization predictability being used across the Department of Defense regarding the availability of the forces of the Reserve Components. The Enhancing DoD's Role in the Homeland Subcommittee will provide an update on the Department of Defense support of civil authorities and FEMA requirements. The RFPB meeting will conclude with discussion from the Chairman on the RFPB's DoD New Administration Transition Book and the National Commission on the Future of the Army Report.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(1) of the FACA and 41 CFR §§ 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 1:40 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Mr. Alex Sabol, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 1:00 p.m. on March 9. To complete the security screening, please be prepared to present two forms of identification. One must be a picture identification card. In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and 41 CFR § 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the portion of this meeting scheduled to occur from 8:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in coordination with the Department of Defense FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public because it is likely to disclose classified matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

**Written Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR §§ 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit written statements to the RFPB about its approved

agenda or at any time on the RFPB's mission. Written statements should be submitted to the RFPB's Designated Federal Officer at the address, email, or facsimile number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the RFPB until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the RFPB members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the RFPB operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the RFPB's Web site.

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